



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1763**

Serial No.: **10/615,381**

Examiner: **Richard BUEKER**

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**FOR: SURFACE TREATING PROCESS, SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS,
VAPOR-DEPOSITING MATERIAL, AND RARE EARTH METAL-BASED
PERMANENT MAGNET WITH SURFACE TREATED**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1763

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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October 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 15, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.